

# Shrimp Rules

**SHRIMP: Spot** (*Pandalus platyceros*), **Coonstripe** (*P. danae* and *P. hypsinotus*), **Pink** (*P. eous* and *P. jordani*).

## Shrimp Daily Limits and Rules (refer to table below for seasons and open days by Marine Area):

**PUGET SOUND** (Marine Areas 5-13 and Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line).

**1st Saturday in May through May 31:**

DAILY LIMIT OF 80 SHRIMP.

Shrimp heads may be removed while in the field, prior to coming ashore.

The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is 1" mesh (see gear rules on next page).

**June 1 through October 15:**

DAILY LIMIT OF 10 POUNDS, heads and tails, of all shrimp species combined (maximum of 80 spot shrimp - if open for spot shrimp).

Shrimp heads may be removed, but must be retained while in the field, until ashore and finished fishing for the day.

The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is 1" mesh, unless the area is closed for spot shrimp, but open for coonstripe and pink shrimp, then the minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is ½" mesh (see gear rules on next page).

**PACIFIC OCEAN** (Marine Areas 1-3 and Marine Area 4 west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line).

DAILY LIMIT OF 10 POUNDS, heads and tails, of all shrimp species combined (maximum of 80 spot shrimp).

Shrimp heads may be removed, but must be retained while in the field, until ashore and finished fishing for the day.

The minimum mesh size for shrimp pots is 1" mesh (see gear rules on next page).

### ALL AREAS

Each harvester must have a separate container for their catch, either in their possession or identified with their name.

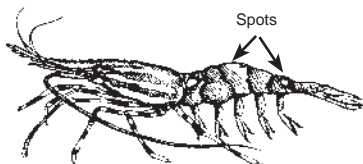
No minimum carapace size.

Maximum of two shrimp pots per person, and no more than four shrimp pots per boat.

Prior to harvesting, check the Shellfish Rule Change toll-free Hotline, (866) 880-5431, or <http://wdfw.wa.gov> for season closures and restrictions.

AREA	SPECIES	SEASON / OPEN DAYS AND TIMES / ADDITIONAL RULES
<b>MARINE AREAS 4</b> (east of Bonilla-Tatoosh line), <b>5, 6, and 13</b> (excluding Shrimp Districts)	ALL SPECIES	<b>Opens May 5 at 7:00 a.m.;</b> SPOT SHRIMP season closes when quota is attained or Sept. 15, whichever comes first, except for Marine Area 13 which closes for SPOT SHRIMP May 31. COONSTRIPE and PINK shrimp season closes Oct. 15. Open daily.
<b>MARINE AREA 7</b>	ALL SPECIES	<b>Opens May 5 at 7:00 a.m.;</b> also open May 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19. Additional dates and times will be announced if sufficient quota remains.
	COONSTRIPE and PINK	June 1-Oct. 15: open daily for COONSTRIPE and PINK shrimp with a 200' maximum fishing depth restriction. All SPOT SHRIMP caught must be returned to the water immediately.
<b>MARINE AREAS 8, 9, 10, and 11</b>	ALL SPECIES	<b>Open May 5, and 11, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b> In Marine Area 8-2 only, it is lawful for divers to take shrimp by hand or hand-held device from 7:00 p.m. until midnight on any open day in May. Additional dates and times will be announced if sufficient quota remains.
	COONSTRIPE and PINK	June 1-Oct. 15, Marine Areas 8, 9, and 11 are open daily for COONSTRIPE AND PINK with a 150' maximum fishing depth restriction. All SPOT SHRIMP caught must be returned to the water immediately. Marine Area 10 will remain closed after SPOT SHRIMP quota is taken.
<b>HOOD CANAL SHRIMP DISTRICT</b> (Marine Area 12)	ALL SPECIES	<b>Open May 5, 11, 12, and 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</b> Additional dates and times will be announced if sufficient quota remains.
<b>DISCOVERY BAY SHRIMP DISTRICT</b> (See Marine Area 6 Map)	ALL SPECIES	<b>Open May 5, 11, 12, and 16, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b> Additional dates and times will be announced if sufficient quota remains.
<b>PACIFIC OCEAN</b> Marine Areas 1-3 and 4 (west of Bonilla-Tatoosh line)	ALL SPECIES	<b>Year-round.</b> Open daily.

### Spot Shrimp



Spot shrimp (*Pandalus platyceros*) are distinguished by four white spots on the body. Spot shrimp may reach 10" in total length.

### Coonstripe (Dock) Shrimp



Coonstripe or dock shrimp (*Pandalus danae*) are brownish in color with brown lines and spots on the head and tail. This species may grow to 5½" in length.

### Pink Shrimp



Pink shrimp (*Pandalus eous* and *P. jordani*) are small (less than 6") and uniformly pink.

### Coonstripe (Humpback) Shrimp



The coonstripe or humpback shrimp (*Pandalus hypsinotus*) is mottled reddish-brown with some white patches on the head and tail. This species may reach 7½" in length.